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Collegian Editorial

'Empty Pockets' for some students

Registration this semester left a bad taste in the mouths of some students. Several of them need an explanation of the ins and outs of this university and, in some cases, an apology.

Several students submitted financial aid applications before the July 1 deadline. However, not one cent of that aid was in their pockets by the time school started Aug. 26.

As a result, they could not buy the high-priced textbooks required for classes. Some students were even prompted to break copyright laws and photocopy books for one-third the price of originals.

The problem does not lie with the Financial Aid Office directly, although the director of financial aid realizes several problems exist, including understaffing, increased enrollment and more applications to review. The situation is deep-rooted. University officials from both the UT system and TSC have failed to help students with more important issues.

University officials' knowledge of several problems,

including parking, course availability, instructor salaries, personnel office space and the recent financial aid delays, have either chosen to ignore them or have put them off for the infinite future.

University officials are accomplished in areas regarding architectural unity on campus, rallying behind students for a new student center and building new buildings in other cities. Recently,

they even created an Emergency Social Assistance Program for students and part-time staff, to resolve problems dealing with housing, financial aid and lack of transportation.

All are good things, but we all forget the underlying reason this university was built - to provide education and service for students.

Almost doubling a tax rate to add more schools and buildings is not going to solve

anything. Let's take care of the students we have now instead of supplementing problems with more problems.

University officials need to make sure the students they represent and work for attend their classes with books and supplies in hand. They need to make sure the education reaches the students by offering more instructors to teach more classes. They need to make sure there's enough room for personnel without infringing on students' benefits.

If a university does not comply with such demands, who cares what it looks like.

UTB/TSC staff group answers call for Del Rio flood aid

By Melissa Canto
 Collegian Editor

prompting her to help the Del Rio flood victims.

As a member of the Professional Staff Association, Reyna presented the idea of organizing a donation drive to the organization's president, Christina R. Acevedo-Gomez.

Acevedo-Gomez, senior administrative secretary at the President's Office,

immediately sent an e-mail out to every department describing their project.

Acevedo-Gomez created the Professional Staff Association to bring staff members together and realized this was a good opportunity to accomplish that and help the Del Rio flood victims at the same time.

"I saw there was a need for staff to get together and

help out the community," she said.

Previous PSA projects have included a toy drive and Easter egg hunt conducted on campus.

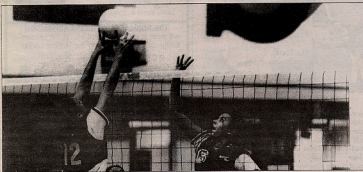
Because the Campus Police office is open 24 hours a day, Reyna said the "Big Al and Charlie Morning Show" designated her office as a drop-off point for local residents.

However, it was just one of eight drop-off points designated for campus donations.

Water, diapers, toothbrushes, clothing and non-perishable food are just a few of the many items donated. About \$400 also was contributed. The donations were transported to

See "Flood" page 2

Karina Reyna, secretary for Campus Police, was at home when she heard the disc jockey on KFRQ-FM (94.5) talk about the tragic flooding in Del Rio caused by Tropical Storm Charley. What he said about helping neighbors in their time of need hit home for Reyna.



ERIC THOMPSON

Sweet victory!

Anna Marie Chavez, #16, of the UTB/TSC Scorpion Volleyball Team, goes up for a block against Laredo Community College Saturday morning. The Lady Scorp defeated Laredo in the UTB/TSC Invitational, winning two out of three games and bringing their record to 4-4.

On Campus

Educational opportunity knocks on ex-housekeeper's door

By Irma Pena
Times News Editor

Irma Ibarra saw opportunity in a Continuing Education course.

Ibarra, a former housekeeper and waitress, signed up for the department's English as a Second Language classes in 1988. Now an undergraduate at UTB/TSC, she has earned an associate in fine arts and is working toward a bachelor's degree in education.

"There are many opportunities for the ones that want to learn during their spare time at Continuing Education," said Ibarra, 39, who was hired as a secretary for the department in November.

The Continuing Education department offers a variety of non-academic short courses in four categories: professional development, computer training, personal enrichment and test preparation. Many of the classes also are available in Spanish.

Classes offer skills for a new career and training to advance in a career, said Mark Sorensen, director of Continuing Education.

Among the professional development courses are Purchasing and Supply Management, Business

Writing and Grammar, Import/Export Procedures, Medical Billing and Real Estate. Computer courses range from Introduction to Computers and Use the World Wide Web to Make Your Own Computer.

The personal enrichment curriculum includes Framing and Mating, Public Speaking, Graphic Design, Marine Studies and Weaponsless Self-Defense Tactics for Women. Preparation courses are offered for the Scholastic Achievement Test, the Graduate Record Examination and the Graduate Management Admission Test.

Courses last from three weeks to three months, depending on the subject, Ibarra said. Fees for each course range from \$69 to \$700.

"We are rapidly expanding the number of courses. We have a lot of good instructor, faculty from

UTB/TSC and/or professionals from the community," Sorensen said, adding that classes are opened on demand according to the community needs.

Continuing Education courses take place at four locations: UTB/TSC (main campus); Laguna Madre

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"Flood"

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Del Rio on Sept. 4.

Irby, spokesman for the American Red Cross in Del Rio, said along with their staff volunteers, people from across the state not associated with the American Red Cross have helped a great deal.

"A total of 1,735 units that include mobile homes, houses and apartments have been destroyed," Irby said. "The best way people can help us right now is by financial contribution."

American Red Cross officials said 2,306 people have occupied their shelter to date. On one night, 14,577 meals were served



MELISSA CORTI/COURTESY

Karina Reyna, secretary for Campus Police, helped to organize a donation drive for Del Rio flood victims.

to victims. As of last week, 17 people had died in Texas and Mexico because of Tropical Storm Charley -- seven in Del Rio and the others in neighboring

cities.

To send financial donations, call 1-800-HELP-NOW. If you would like to be a volunteer with Brownsville's American Red Cross call 541-5206.

Student Government Voting

Vote Early - September 14, 1998
7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
General Voting - September 16, 1998
7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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The Student Government Association

will meet at 2 p.m. on Sept. 24, at the Leadership Exchange Room, located in the Student Center.

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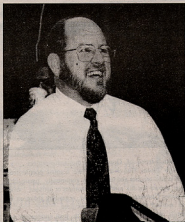
A series created by SGA for students to submit concerns or suggestions about campus. I Spy is another venue students can use to express themselves.



Submit Your "I Spy" suggestions to the SGA office.

On Campus

Moore chosen as chief academic officer for the National College of Ireland



ROBERT COOPER/COLLEGIAN

By Jessica Arriaga
Staff Writer

Wayne J. Moore, vice president for administration and partnership affairs, has left UTB/TSC for a temporary position in Dublin, Ireland.

He was invited to be chief academic officer for the National College of Ireland (NCI), an Irish third-level institution, according to a letter from UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia.

"He was selected because of his intimate knowledge of the history of the partnership between UTB/TSC, because of his leadership as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and because he is a colleague whom we have grown to trust and confide in over the years,"

Garcia said at the Aug. 27 Texas Southmost College board of trustees meeting.

The responsibilities Moore has at NCI are similar to those he has had here.

"[Moore's] responsibilities will include the design and development of new campus facilities, development of policies and procedures, and mentoring a relatively young administrative staff," Garcia's letter said.

Moore, who left Aug. 28, will be missed by many of his colleagues and friends.

"He [is] an honest, hard-working and demanding man. We will miss him," Veronica Mendez, one of Moore's former secretaries, said.

I learned a lot of things

from him, it's going to be hard not having him around," Rosy Soto, who worked for Moore for two years, said.

In Moore's absence, Antonio Zavaleta, who was dean for the College of Liberal Arts, will serve as interim vice president for administration and partnership affairs.

Filling in as dean for Zavaleta is Farhat Iftekharuddin, associate professor for the English and Speech department.

"He is well-known for his very candid and articulate representation of important student and faculty issues," Garcia said of Iftekharuddin.

Moore is expected to return to UTB/TSC by the next school year.

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On Campus

TSC board of trustees OKs administrative appointments

By Melissa Cantu
Collegian Editor

The Texas Southmost College Board of Trustees has approved new administrative appointments and transfers, and today it may award a contract to build a new bookstore.

Board members David Oliveira and Vice Chairman Prax Orive were not present at the Aug. 27 meeting. Orive was attending a workshop in Amarillo; no reason was given for Oliveira's absence, and fellow board member Roberto Robles arrived after the meeting had started.

In the president's report to the board, UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia said goodbye to Wayne Moore, vice president for Administration and

New bookstore contract may be awarded today

Partnership Affairs. Moore left Aug. 28 and will be gone a year. He will design new campus facilities, assist in the development of policy and procedure and monitor young administrative faculty at the National College of Ireland in Dublin.

Antonio Zavaleta, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, will temporarily replace Moore and Farhat Iltikharuddin, associate professor in the English and Speech department, will replace Zavaleta as dean.

Garcia announced that Vice President for Business Affairs Peter Gawenda will leave his position to return to teaching.

"His vigilance, his sincere commitment to students and his love for our community, have created a work ethic in

the business division, for that and for a very special friendship, we will always be grateful," Garcia said.

Raymond Rodrigues, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, will no longer be working alone. Carolyn Green, former chair of Business Administration, is the new associate vice president of Academic Affairs. Associate Professor Charles Lackey replaced Green as chair.

Rodrigues said Green was selected for her "extensive management experience."

Board Chair Mary Rose Cardenas made recommendations on committee appointments each member is required to serve. The board accepted the following recommendations: Orive and

Chester Gonzalez will serve on the Business Affairs Partnership Committee, Oliveira and Robles will serve on the Academic Affairs Partnership Committee, Oliveira and Rosemary Breedlove will serve on the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Committee, Gonzalez and Dolly Zimmerman will serve on the Student Affairs Partnership Committee, and Cardenas, Orive and Oliveira, with Robles as an alternate, will serve on the Partnership Advisory Committee.

In other business, the board agreed a proposal by current bookstore owners Texas Book Company to build a new campus bookstore, was most attractive and will meet

future needs. The Board had previously reviewed three proposals for the new campus bookstore, submitted by Barnes & Noble, Follett and Texas Book Company.

At 5:30 p.m. today, the board will meet at Gorgas Hall to review and possibly decide on a bookstore contract. Some features of the new bookstore will be a 15,000-square-foot facility comprised of a coffee shop, a small food service, computer student access and book and merchandise sales space. The bookstore will be located near to the Fort Brown Resaca and near the amphitheater.

Robles suggested the bookstore be built with the ability to become a two-story building in the future.

Business Affairs chief Gawenda going back to classroom

By Maria del Carmen Gonzalez
Staff Writer

Peter B. Gawenda, vice president for Business Affairs since 1995, is going back to the head of the class.

That is, he will return to teaching on a full-time basis beginning in January 2000.

"I love teaching," Gawenda replied after being asked why he was giving up the role of chief business officer for UTB/TSC. "Learning is for life."

Gawenda supervises 10 departments in Business Affairs: the Budget and Business offices, Campus Police, Environmental Health and Safety, Human Resources, Information Systems, Physical Plant, Printing Services, Purchasing and Records Retention.

His priorities in Business and efficiency, with a friendly attitude toward students, staff, faculty and administrators.

Asked what he expects of his staff after he leaves the post, Gawenda said, "that they continue doing their best because our job is to serve."

He believes this university can

be among the best in the state. "This area is very lucky to speak two languages," Gawenda said, adding that this region has a strategic role in the development of the economy.

"The potential of this university is unlimited," he said. "If we had the funding to match the original needs [of Texas Southmost College], my optimism is that Brownsville will have a university just like Pan American and Southwest Texas State and other universities."

He considers his most important accomplishment in Business Affairs as having participated in the formation of the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College as one entity. His greatest experiences on the job are having seen the growth of more state funding for it. The university now operates a budget close to \$60 million.

Gawenda, a native of Oberloggia, Silesia (now Poland), came to the United States from Germany in 1981. He is fluent in English, German and French. He also speaks "a little bit of Spanish and some

other languages."

He has a bachelor's degree in government and history, a master's in international relations, and a doctorate in educational administration and supervision, "with a strong accent on research and statistics."

In the summer of 1981, he began teaching at TSC and at the same time enrolled in graduate courses in educational administration at then Pan American University-Brownsville.

Previous positions he has held here include planning officer, public information officer, and assistant to the president at PAU-B. He also served as director of Institutional Research and Planning, interim vice president for Academic Affairs and assistant to the vice president for Business Affairs at UTB.

Instructor for TSC, PAU-B and UTB, teaching courses in government, German, education, and interdisciplinary courses.

He plans to teach in the College of Liberal Arts and the School of Business, focusing on political science, education and business administration.

Asked how his experience in

Business Affairs will help him in the classroom, Gawenda replied that having worked in business administration gives him a different perspective. He has the experience of finding resources and how best to use them. This is valuable in any class you teach, he said, because experience is a necessary tool.

No successor to Gawenda has been named.



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On Campus

Criminal justice major is first female security guard

By Irma Pena

Tempe Nuevo

A full-time student majoring in criminal justice has become UTB/TSC's first female security guard. Rose Limon, 26, has worked part-time with campus police since May.

"I [graduated] from Hanna High School. I love working as a guard," said Limon, adding that plans to become a police cadet.

Limon works mornings, which is the busiest shift of the day. She responds to calls for unlocking buildings and classrooms. She even has responded to call concerning a fight between students.

"I do write a lot of citations. I would like for all the students to buy their parking permits and park where they are supposed [to]. I understand there is not enough space. I give citations to students who are parked in faculty spaces," Limon said.

Campus Police Chief Juan Cardoza has nothing but praise for Limon.

"She's great. Rose has a bright future with us. All of the officers are very comfortable working with her," Cardoza said.

The duties of a security guard are to provide service and information to students, faculty, staff and visitors; enforce university rules pertaining to the operation and parking of vehicles on university property; and to safeguard property.

A guard also is responsible for directing traffic, issuing parking permits, assisting those with car troubles, such as a dead battery, keys locked inside, etc., Cardoza said.

Although she is the university's first female guard, Limon said she has not been treated any differently by the public.

"Men respect me. I have never been treated without respect. I get along with men and women," said Limon, who has two children ages 2 and 5.

Limon is a year away from graduation. She has been on the President's and Dean's lists twice and is a member of the

Alpha Chi National Honor Society.

"I know people that would be great as security guard," Limon said. "I encourage them to come and apply for a position. It is a great experience."

Guards must be age 21 or older, with a high school diploma or its equivalent, be in good physical and mental health, have a valid Texas driver's license, and have clean driving and

criminal records, Cardoza said. They also must pass a background investigation.

To be eligible for the entrance exam, prospective police cadets must have 60 hours of college, or 30 hours of college and have been a guard at UTB or other university, or have 30 hours of college and two years of military service, Cardoza said. They also must pass comprehensive and agility tests, and undergo a

background investigation.

A search committee then recommends applicants for employment, pending psychological and physical examinations. The cadets then attend the police academy in Austin for five months.

After graduation, cadets take a certification test to become licensed police officers. Upon passing, they get commissioned by the UT System Board of



Regents, Cardoza said. In the 1970s, TSC had a female police officer.

IMPORTANT TEXTBOOKS: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT TEXTBOOKS

Why are textbook prices so high?

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Then, why do students think textbook prices are too high?

The most significant reason is sticker shock. Textbooks are free for most students until they reach college. If their book buying experience is limited to paying \$8.95 for a paperback, having to buy three or four \$40 or \$60 textbooks is a shock. After paying a substantial tuition bill, families are often unprepared for the additional \$800 to \$400 textbook expense each term.

How does UTB/TSC Bookstore set the retail (selling) price to the student?

While most "general" books are sold to stores at a list price less a discount, most major publishers sell textbooks to college stores at a "net" cost. The UTB/TSC Bookstore then applies a standard gross margin to the cost of the book to arrive at the selling price. This margin is governed by the current contract between Texas Southmost College and Texas Book Company. According to the National Association of College Stores, more than 87% of college bookstores use a gross profit margin of 25% on textbooks. This is the same margin utilized by the UTB/TSC Bookstore.

How much do used books cost bookstores?

Whether the book is bought from a student, or from a national used book wholesaler, the UTB/TSC Bookstore pays 50% of the retail price for a textbook adopted for the next term.

How is "buyback" price determined?

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Arts & Entertainment

Fort Worth college's art instructors show work here

By Debra Willborn
Staff Writer

"The Exchange," an exhibit by art instructors of Tarrant County Junior College at Fort Worth, has opened. In the Richardson Art Gallery, The artworks of Eduardo Aguilar Sr., Richards Smith, and Michael Pavlovsky complete this second half of a combined showing.

Last year, UTB/TSC Associate Professor of Fine Arts Carlos Gomez and Smith planned an exchange of faculty exhibits between their respective schools. In January, the Fort Worth college played host to the works of Professors Gomez, Nancy Seight, and Joan Price.

"Kids always wonder, 'What do they do up there?' or 'down there?' Now they know," Gomez said on the purpose of "The Exchange."

Students learned more than that. Maria Cantu, a nursing student with her eyes on a master's degree, had shied away from art all her life. It now occupies a significant place in both her life and her class schedule.

"[Art] isn't something you have to do," she said. "It's something you want to do."

Almost all of the displayed pieces are two-dimensional. Aguilar shows his passion for color harmony in abstract and stylized landscapes. "Southwestern Landscape" #2, and #3, (acrylic on canvas) feature regular polygonal forms vibrating with currents of color. His

"Self Portrait: Mosaic" (watercolor) is alive, vibrant, and almost playful. The eyes, though, have a commanding presence that anchor the piece.

"Ed lets the colors do the work," said Gomez, exploring the artist's use of bright, free-flowing lines in such paintings as "Paraiso Escondido, #5."

Smith also exhibits an obsession for strong hues. The standing figure in "Pain of Innocence" (oil on canvas) stares out from a field of rich teal, bordered by bars of alternating yellow and black. Contrasts such as the Pepto-pink nude against a black grid in "Pink Nude" (oil on canvas) are repeated in some of the artist's displayed work. Most of it borders on the bizarre. For instance, what is "Figure

with Cat" (oil on canvas)? Would you believe it features a topless lady waiting for a blue pussycat to leave the shower?

The only three-dimensional art present is Pavlovsky's "Eighteen Faces." These small, clay sculptures convey the artist's technical mastery of his medium. Themes and moods range from somber Greco-Roman heads to candid portraits of

American Indians. Other faces bear exaggerated grins, grotesque in a very classic way. According to the artist's statement in the gallery, Pavlovsky prefers to work in several directions at once, because he then enjoys greater freedom and creativity.

Although this is the first art showing of the academic year, it by no means was intended to set a theme for the next months. For the TJCJC faculty, the first of this month was simply the most convenient time to set up their exhibit. Gomez considers the next exhibit, "Dos Mujeres," more important. This long-awaited show will open Sept. 29, in conjunction with Hispanic Heritage Month.



DEBRA WILLBORN/Collegian
"Pain of Innocence" by Richards Smith (oil on canvas).

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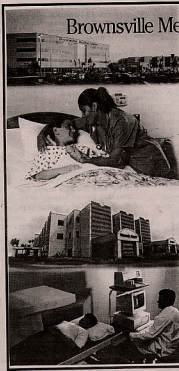
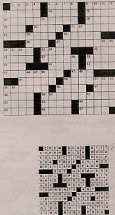
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Sunday, Sept. 13

2 p.m.
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Tejano Legacy and the Nuevo Santander Conference.

Monday, Sept. 14

9 a.m.-4 p.m.
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3 p.m. "Maricela"

10-10:50 a.m.
North Hall 211
Class
"Spanish American Literature" (Topics vary)
Prof. Cheryl Phelps (Spanish)

1:40-2:30 p.m.

North Hall 206

Original Poetry Reading

"Los del Valle Profile"

Prof. Manuel Medrano

5:30-6:30 p.m.

North Hall 234

Lecture/Discussion

"Status of Science, Mathematics and

Engineering Proficiency of Minority

Graduates from BISO"

Prof. Reynaldo Ramirez, Jr.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Benito Longoria Conference Room, Library
Film Series
9 a.m. "Palacio de Cortez"
10 a.m. "Spanish Missions of Texas"
11 a.m. "Gabriel García Márquez"
Noon "Maricela"
1 p.m. "Ritos, Mitos y Costumbres Américas"
2 p.m. "Tenochtitlán"
3 p.m. "House of Bernardo Alba"
7-10 p.m.

Historic Brownsville Museum, The Mexican Consulate invites students, faculty, and staff to celebrate the Mexican Independence Day.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

9 a.m.-10 a.m.
Benito Longoria Conference Room, Library

Film Series

9 a.m. "Spanish Missions of Texas"

10 a.m. "Like Water for Chocolate"

10-10:50 a.m.

North Hall 211

Class

"Spanish American Literature" (Topics vary)
Prof. Cheryl Phelps (Spanish)

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Student Center Courtyard
Latin American Food Fest at Scorpio Bake
Student Activities, International Students, and Adelina Buonello, Marilyn Castillo, Rosie Edwards, Andreina Galvan, Angelica Garcia, Rosie Gomez, Teresa Henderson, Rosa Mariglia, Yolanda M. Palmer, Thelma Sullivan

12:05-12:55 p.m.

SETB Lecture Hall

Kickoff to Hispanic Heritage Month

Dr. Juliet V. Garcia

President, UTB/TSC

Presentation

"A Hispanic Woman on the Federal Bench"

The Hon. Hilda Tague, U.S. District Judge,

Southern District of Texas, Brownsville

Division

1-2:30 p.m.

SETB Lecture Hall

Welcome

Dr. Raymond Rodriguez, Provost and Vice

President for Academic Affairs

Lecture: "The Short Story"

Rudolfo Anaya

7:15-8 p.m.

Amphitheater

Dance Performance

"Celebrando Nuestra Cultura"

UTB/TSC Ballet Folklorico Tizadón, Prof.

Zalma Mata, Director. Accompanied by

Mariachi Alacran, Prof. Antonio Briseño,

Director.

7:15-9:15 p.m.

SETB Lecture Hall

Welcome

Dr. Charles Dameron, Professor of English

Introduction

Dr. Roberto Robles, Member, TSC Board of

Trustees

Lecture/Discussion and Book Signing

Rudolfo Anaya

All Day

Closed Circuit TV - Chicano Film Series

Thursday, Sept. 17

9 a.m.-Noon
Benito Longoria Conference Room, Library
Film Series
9 a.m. "House of Bernardo Alba"
11 a.m. "Isabel Allende"

10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.

North Hall 230

Class

"Chicano Narrative"

Prof. Cipriano Cardenas

7-8 p.m.

SETB Lecture Hall

Theatrical Event

"Doña Rosita's Jalisco Kitchen"

(Spanish/English)

7 p.m.

Academic Voices KMBH 88.9, Prof.

Anthony Knapp interviews Prof. Armando

Alonzo about his book Tejano Legacy

and the Nuevo Santander Conference.

All Day

Closed Circuit TV - Chicano Film Series

Friday, Sept. 18

9 a.m.-Noon
Benito Longoria Conference Room, Library

Film Series

9 a.m. "Mitos, Rituales y Costumbres

Aztec"

10 a.m. "Tenochtitlán"

11 a.m. "San Patricio"

10-10:50 a.m.

North Hall 211

Class

"Spanish American Literature" (Topics vary)

Prof. Cheryl Phelps (Spanish)

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Allied Health 140

Presentation

"The History of Mexican-Americans and the

U.S. Jurisprudence system"

The Hon. Filomena Vela

All Day

Closed Circuit TV - Chicano Film Series

Nuevo Santander:

250 years of South Texas History

(Supported by the Texas Council of the

Humanities)

4:30-6 p.m.

SETB Foyer

Artwork/Book/Poster Signing/Concert

Jose Moreno, Rigo Garza, and David

Champion, Jr.

Conjunto, Narciso Martinez Culture Arts

Center

6:30-6:45 p.m.

SETB Lecture Hall

Welcome

Dr. Juliet V. Garcia

President, The University of Texas at

Brownsville/Texas Southmost College

Hon. Henry Gonzalez,

Mayor, City of Brownsville

Hon. Ramón Antonio Sampedro Ortiz

Municipal President, Matamoros,

Matamoros, Mexico

7-8:15 p.m.

SETB Lecture Hall

Panel II

The Built Environment

Prof. Cipriano Cardenas

The Architectural Heritage

Town in Tamaulipas

Prof. Maribel M. Flores

Architectural History of

Grande Valle

Prof. Stephen P.

8:15 p.m.

SETB Courtyard

Reception

Conjunto music concert

Martinez Cultural Arts Center

Saturday, Sept. 19

9-10:30 a.m.

SETB Lecture Hall

Panel II

Colonial Origins of Hispanic

Prof. Joe Bieder, p.

The Formation of a Border

Tamaulipas and South Texas

Roots

Prof. Octavio H.

Civilian and Missionary

Lower Valley to

Dr. Gilberto M. H.

Spanish and Mexican Origins

Cultural Perspectives

Prof. Joe Graham

10:45-11:45 a.m.

SETB Lecture Hall

Panel III

Trade, Commerce and Ranching

Century

Prof. Manuel Medrano

Commerce and Merchants

Bravo, 1848-19

Prof. Mario C.

Staking Claims: Rancheros

South Texas, 1730

Prof. Armando C.

11:30 a.m.-1:30

SETB Foyer

Artwork/Book/Poster Sign

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School

1:30-3 p.m.

SETB Lecture Hall

Panel IV

Social and Economic Transfor

20th Century

Ms. Loyda Poy, pre

The Tribulations of Mexican

South Texas Agriculture and

1945

Prof. Emilio Zam

A Continuing Reality: Social

Tag Month Schedule*

*Through Sept. 24. Remainder of schedule will be published Sept. 25.

ico	Ties Between Two-Neighbors: South Texas and Tamaulipas in the 20th Century Prof. Manuel Ceballos	3-3:45 p.m. Tandy Hall 110 Reading/Discussion	Olga Montes de Oca, Friendship of Women.
all	A Recent History: Women in Industry Along the Border Prof. Cirila Quintana	"Contemporary Mexican American Poetry" Prof. Charles Dameron and friends All Day Closed Circuit TV - Chicano Film Series	1-2 p.m. Tandy Hall 115 Panel Discussion "Hispanics in Math and Science" Prof. A.J. Herrera and Olivia Garcia
ment presiding of the River pas laquer at Lower Rio ix	3:15-4:45 p.m. SETB Lecture Hall Panel V Political History Ms. Mariela Rodriguez, presiding Politics in the Lower Valley Region in the 20th Century Prof. Anthony Knapp	Tuesday, Sept. 22 9-10:20 a.m. SETB Lecture Hall Lecture "Medicinal Herbs" Prof. Elva Perez	4:25-7:05 p.m. North Hall 224 Class "El Cuento Folklórico" Prof. Lucy Willis
id	The Rise of Hispanic Women Politicians in the Present Era Prof. Lucy Cardenas	10-11 a.m. Benito Longoria Room Library Lecture/Discussion "Bilingual Ed: Politics vs. Pedagogy" Dr. Sylvia Cavazos Peña, Ms. Rosa Maria Garcia, BISO	7:15-9:30 p.m. SETB Lecture Hall Panel Discussion Dr. Raymond Rodriguez, moderator "Who am I? The Hispanic Problem of Ethnic Identity" Dr. Antonio Zavala, Prof. Carlos Gomez, Dr. Mario Diaz, Dr. Luis Rodriguez-Abad and The Hon. Bernice Rendon Talavera All Day Closed Circuit TV - Chicano Film Series
of Narciso er, San Benito.	4:30-5 p.m. SETB Lecture Hall Concluding Remarks Miguel González Professor, University of Nuevo Leon Antonio Zavaleta Dean, College of Liberal Arts, UTB/TSC	10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m. North Hall 230 Class "Chicano Narrative" Prof. Cipriano Cardenas	Thursday, Sept. 24 10 a.m. - Noon SETB Lecture Hall Presentation "Transformaciones Urbanas en la Frontera Tamaulipeca/Urban Changes on the Tamaulipas Border" Mtro. Jose Antonio Trajedo. Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Matamoros (Spanish with English translation)
19	5-5:30 p.m. Music Mariachi Alacran Directed by Antonio Briseño, UTB/TSC	12:15-1:30 p.m. Tandy Hall 110 Discussion "Mexican-Americans and Mexicans with U.S. Passports - What's the Difference?" Dr. Paul Kavanagh	10:30 a.m.-12:05 p.m. North Hall 230 Class "Chicano Narrative" Prof. Cipriano Cardenas
anic Society existing for Society: ias' Colonial	Monday, Sept. 21 9-10 a.m. South Hall 122 Poetry Reading "Life and Poetry of Gustavo Adolfo Becquer" Prof. Eduardo Aguilar (Spanish)	2-3 p.m. Tandy Hall 115 Lecture/Discussion "The Pope in Cuba" Bishop Raymundo Peña, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Brownsville	12:15-1:15 p.m. SETB Lecture Hall Concert "Mariachi - A Mexican Tradition" UTB/TSC Mariachi Alacran, Antonio Briseño, Director
mera Efforts in the (B2) njosas of Ranching: A ive m	10-10:50 a.m. North Hall 211 Class "Spanish American Literature" (Topics vary) Prof. Cheryl Phelps (Spanish)	4:30-5:30 p.m. Art Building 001 (basement level) Slide presentation "Mexican Pottery - Past and Present" Prof. Nancy Slight All Day Closed Circuit TV - Chicano Film Series	12:15-2:30 p.m. SETB 2-520 Film/Discussion "Julio y Su Angel" A Mexican Film Representing Traditions, Music and Customs of Provincial Mexico Dr. Eli Peña
inghlin the 19th	10-11 a.m. Tandy Hall 116 Lecture/Discussion "The Psychological Health of Hispanics in the Lower Rio Grande Valley" Sister Norma Pimentel, Catholic Social Services	10-10:10 a.m. North Hall 211 Class "Spanish American Literature" (Topics vary) Prof. Cheryl Phelps (Spanish)	7:30-8:30 p.m. Tandy Hall 110 Reading/Discussion "Presentación del Tomo 2 (Primavera del 1998) del Novosantanderino" Prof. Juan Antonio Gonzalez (Spanish)
presiding Along the Rio 00 iti and Settlers in -1930 lonzo	Noon-1 p.m. South Hall 122 Panel "Border Women" Ms. Lisa Ramos, Mrs. Mary Rose Cardenas, Prof. Eliana Bennett	10 a.m.-12:05 p.m. South Hall 106 Lecture "Evolution of Hispanic Politics in the U.S." Prof. John Robey	12:15-2:30 p.m. SETB 2-520 Film/Discussion "Julio y Su Angel" A Mexican Film Representing Traditions, Music and Customs of Provincial Mexico Dr. Eli Peña
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Viewpoint

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Adjustment to college difficult transition for freshman

By Jessica Arriaga
Collegian Columnist

It's really weird how a couple of months can determine your responsibilities.

Students in high school don't have to bother with buying books, paying for classes, transportation, or even being treated as adults.

I still remember my high school teachers telling me, college is totally different than high school, you're on your own. Yet, I never really saw it that way. I thought it would be like high school, just a little more challenging.

Now that I am in college, I think about what those teachers said, and they were so right.

Starting college was the first step of toward maturity. No more free books or getting away with not turning in my work. If I skip class, there will not be a trust officer search-

ing for me. However, I might miss that assignment or oh-so-important change on the syllabus that could decide whether I pass class or not. For the first time in my life, I am completely responsible for my own actions.

Sometimes college doesn't seem that different from high school. I expected all-of-the-classes to have 300 students in them. But most of the classes are small, like in high school.

I am amazed at how much more free time I had back in high school than now. It's really sad that you don't get to see your high school friends as much as before. Some of my friends went off to other colleges. Others are here, but in different classes. It just isn't the same.

Keeping up with schoolwork takes a great deal of time.

Despite all of the changes, I know going to college will pay off someday. Someday.

Student



"Has the transition from high school to college been smooth for you?"



"Actually the transition has been pretty smooth, considering that UTB has shown little organization. I actually feel like it's high school again."

—Manny Williams
freshman biology major

"I'm not completely satisfied with my classes, but that's what being a freshman in college is all about. I'm glad I'm in college, because I feel independent!"

—Melissa Hinojosa
freshman psychology major



"I don't want to say that it's been a big change. The only thing I can complain about is that I couldn't enroll for the class I wanted."

—Ruth Mejia
math education major

compiled by Arnie Gonzalez



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Sports

Lady Scorpions lose first game of season

By Talla Hernandez
Staff Writer

The Lady Scorpions lost their first game of the season last Thursday against the Southwest Missouri State Grizzlies. Although the Scorpions took the Grizzlies to five games, (10-15), (13-15), (16-14), (15-13), (15-10), their urge to beat Missouri, who ranks No. 8 in NCAA poll was just impossible.

"I don't question the game, we played very well," said Head Volleyball Coach Brian Funk.

In the third game, the Scorpions led 14-13 on a kill by Melissa Kracht, yet easily gave Missouri the ball back when serving a side out.

The Grizzlies definitely took advantage and wrapped up the game with a (16-14) score. Minor errors in the plays were setbacks for the Scorpions to win their season opener.

"We had the lead, now we have to finish it. For

us to just play them, shows how good of a team we are," said Ana Marie Chavez.

The Scorpions were able to maintain their focus level. Florence Lopez and Chavez led the front line quite well. Twin sisters Delfina and Linda Torres led the team with service aces.

"Our weakness was just ending the game," said Linda Torres.

In the fourth game, the Grizzlies showed their level of play with a 6-0 lead. Torres did well, bringing the Scorpions up to a 6-4 score, but Missouri meanwhile was on the roll and won their first game. The Scorpions rallied to tie the game and continued to rally (8-6), (9-8) and (13-10) to tie.

The last match once again was led by Missouri 4-0, until Bo Contreras scored the first point of the game.

The team kept the crowd nervous as they fought



BOB TROTT/COURTESY

The Scorpions played against the Grizzlies Sept. 3 themselves trying to defeat Missouri, but the Grizzlies ended the game (15-10) and won the game.

Coach Funk said that he hopes the team does much better.



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Melissa Kracht goes for a bump at Friday's invitational.

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UTB/TSC Invitational Results

Sept. 4	UTB vs. Laredo Community College.	loss
	15-10, 15-3, 14-6, 13-15, 15-17	
	UTB vs. Southwest Missouri State	win
	15-11, 15-12, 15-13	
	UTB vs. Wharton	win
	15-0, 15-1, 15-2	
	UTB vs. Illinois Central	win
	15-3, 7-15, 15-13	
Sept. 5	UTB vs. Southwest Missouri	loss
	10-15, 15-8, 10-15	
	UTB vs. Laredo Community College	win
	9-15, 15-3, 15-9	
	UTB vs. Illinois Central	loss
	15-3, 11-15, 10-15	
	Record 4-4	

UTB/TSC 1998 Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent/Tourney	Place	Time
Sept. 10-12	Yavapai Invitational	Frescott, AZ	TBA
Sept. 18-19	Southwest Missouri State-WP	West Plains, MO	TBA
Sept. 23	Laredo (2 matches)	Laredo	5 p.m.
Oct. 2-3	Region XIV Conference Tourney-I	Laredo	TBA
	Laredo Community College		
Oct. 6	South Texas Community College	Brownsville	5 p.m.
Oct. 16-17	Region XIV Conference Tourney-II	Brenham	TBA
Oct. 20	Texas A&M Kingsville	Kingsville	6 p.m.
Oct. 23-24	Wharton Invitational	Wharton	TBA
Oct. 28	Laredo Community College	Brownsville	5 p.m.
Nov. 6-7	Region XIV Conference Tourney-II	Baytown	TBA
	Lee College		
Nov. 13-14	Regional Championship	TBA	TBA
Nov. 23-25	NJCAA National Championship	Orem, UT	TBA

UTB/TSC 1998 Golf Program Schedule

Date	Location
Sept. 27	Sammon's Park in Belton, TX
Oct. 25	Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier City, LA

On Campus

Undergraduate catalog information goes online

By Jessica Arriaga
Staff Writer

Students must go online if they want to see a copy of the UTB/TSC undergraduate catalog this school year.

That is because the print version of the catalog will not be available to students or the public, Ronnie Zamora, director of publications, said. Having hard-copy catalogs printed does not always guarantee each department's up-to-date information and requirements.

"Things keep changing so fast, it is hard to keep track," Zamora said.

The decision to have an online catalog was made by the university's Executive Council.

"One of the advantages of having the catalog online is that it may be accessible from all over the world," Zamora said.

Information can be placed online faster. The university is working on a three-year undergraduate catalog that will be available in the fall of 1999.

Some students find the change inconvenient and would rather have a hard copy in their hands.

"I prefer having a hard copy catalog at home, where I can read and search anytime I want," freshman Eduardo Olvera said.

Students using the computers for academic research have been very satisfied with the online catalog.

"I like it because [access to the catalog] is easy, better, and faster," sophomore Jaime Vega said.

The library limits printing to 10 pages for students. Also, only one copy of any document can be printed.

Non-students interested in

Student Activities Program Schedule

September

Start Off Smart Success Week

11 Leadership Institute, Subject: Office Transitions, Leadership Exchange Room in the Student Center, 11 a.m.-noon

12 Women's Soccer Game, UTB vs. South Texas Community College at 3 p.m.

Hispanic Heritage Week

14 SGA Early Voting at Student Activities Office, 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

15 Last Lecture Series, Set-B Lecture Hall, 7-8 p.m.

Spoaker Prof. Manuel Medina of Social Sciences

16 SGA General Election, Tandy Lobby and South Lobby, 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Snail a Meal at Catholic Campus Ministry, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Latin American Scorpio Bake, Student Center Courtyard, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Diaz y Sels Celebration, Honor Walk, Food, Fun, Games, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

17 "Don't Forget the Jaipenco Kitchen!" Theatrical Play, SET-B Lecture Hall, 7-8:30

19 Adopt a Beach Service Project, South Padre Island, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sign up in the Student Activities Office.

Man's Soccer Game, 1 p.m.

22 Mini Scorpio Rush, Gazebos Area, 6-8 p.m.

23 Scorpio Rush and Scorpio Bake, Gazebos area, musical entertainment by acoustic guitarist Scott Christensen, novelty act and prizes, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Snail a Meal at Catholic Campus

Ministry, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

24 Building Bridges, FREE lunch at faculty and staff dining room in the Student Center, noon-1 p.m.

SGA General Body Meeting, time to be announced. Contact the SGA Office at 983-7254.

25 Pianist Rodrigo Gonzalez Barragan will perform at 8 p.m., Set-B Lecture Hall. Admission \$3 with validated I.D.

ROVABE Conference, South Padre Island. Contact the BAYEC Organization.

viewing the online catalog may do so at the library.

"We will help anybody as much as possible if they don't know how to operate a comput-

er," Reference Librarian Luisa Serna said.

Hard copies of UTB/TSC graduate catalogs still are available, and also can be found

along with undergraduate information on the Web.

The Internet address to access a copy of the catalogs is Scorpio.unh.edu/catalog.

As a new academic year begins,
Dr. Manuel Guajardo encourages all
university students to accept the
challenge of success through education.



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On Campus

The Collegian is sponsoring an essay contest in honor of "Hispanic Heritage Month," which begins Sept. 15. The theme of the essay should be a response to "What does your Hispanic Heritage Mean to You?"

Essays can be in English or Spanish, should be no more than 250 words in length and typewritten.

The three best essays will be published along with the photos of the winners in the Oct. 9 issue of *The Collegian*. Essays must be submitted to *The Collegian* Office, located in the Student Center, by Oct 1.



Let's SAAMBA!



JOHN A. PERRY/CHILDSMAN

The UTB/TSC Student and Alumni Association Master of Business Administration conducted an orientation for new students of the MBA program Aug. 25.

Members of SAAMBA shown (back row, from left) are Bea Lopez, Secretary Edith Galy, Flavio Marquez, President Sandra Garcia, Sylvia de Leon, Ramiro Garza, MBA Director Karl Kampschroeder. Kneeling (from left) are Treasurer Oscar Gonzalez and Vice President Alberto Pena.

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-Smith O'Brien, Irish revolutionary

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-Danny Ozark, manager of the Philadelphia Phillies

"I don't know, they were wearing a paper bag over their head."

-Yogi Berra, after he had seen a streaker and asked whether the streaker was male or female

"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it."

-Dan Quayle

compiled by Yvonne Sanchez



On Campus

Education program meets goals

Special to *The Collegian*

Producing well-prepared teachers has always been "one of the most excellent products" at UT Brownsville/Texas Southmost College, and ratings released from the State Board of Education confirm that UTB/TSC is meeting the statewide teacher preparation standards. The partnership was recently commended for achieving accredited status under the new guidelines set by the Texas Legislature.

"UTB/TSC not only met the minimum standards, but also met the standards we will be required to meet by the year 2002," Sylvia Pena, Dean of the School of Education said. Of the 85 programs reviewed statewide, UTB/TSC was one of only 50 to receive accredited status. Forty-one percent of the institutions did not receive a positive rating.

To receive an accredited rating, programs must meet one of two minimum performance levels:

- * 70 percent of first-time certification test-takers must pass. This includes students as a whole as well as students in the categories of male, female, black, Hispanic, white, and other.

- * 80 percent of those taking the test for at least the second time must pass, both overall and in the demographic categories.

UTB/TSC's cumulative pass rates from September 1996 through August 1998 were: 85.64 percent for all students, for all students, 85.08 percent for female students, 86.75 percent for male students, 82.98 percent for Hispanic students, 100 percent for other stu-

dents, and 94.12 percent for white students.

"We have been working for the last four years on curriculum, strategies we use to teach our students and integrating technology and the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) requirements," Pena said. "The outstanding results were not only the work of the School of Education, but also the departments of mathematics, English, biology, and social sciences."

Juliet V. Garcia, UTB/TSC President, commented upon the importance of the School of Education, one of the largest suppliers of Valley teachers, to the community.

"The School of Education is our largest graduate program," she said.

"One of the most important gifts that we will give this community is a well-prepared teacher. Pena leads UTB/TSC on this mission."

Called the Accountability System for Educator Preparation, the new rating system was authorized by the 1995 Legislature. It includes universities, education service centers, and school districts that prepare teachers to work in Texas public schools.

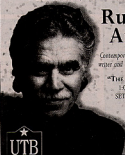
In a letter to UTB/TSC, Mark Littleton, Executive Director of the State Board for Educator Certification wrote, "Congratulations to your entity on attaining the 'accredited' rating. Your entity is contributing to the Board's mission to ensure the highest level of educator preparation and practice to achieve student excellence."

Currently, 60 students are enrolled in the student teaching program.

Join us as we kickoff

Hispanic Heritage Month

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH



Rudolfo Anaya

Contemporary Mexican-American writer and award-winning novelist

"THE SHORT STORY"

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
SETB Lecture Hall

LECTURE,

DISCUSSION AND
BOOK SIGNING
7:15 - 9:15 p.m.
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Metas: "Dejar huella en la vida de alguien, ya sean estudiantes o pacientes".

Pasatiempos: Ver televisión, escuchar música.

Deportes: Fútbol, baseball.

Motivación: "Me motivan mis profesores de matemáticas y mis padres", además de la motivación recibida por maestros de matemáticas de preparatoria.

Satisfacciones: El ser bilingüe. "He estado en la Lista del Doctore, Dean's List, y fui escogido por el Departamento de Policía de Brownsville como ejemplo a seguir al visitar escuelas locales".

Si pudiera cambiar algo en el campus, ¿qué haría?

"Me gustaría que hubiera más flexibilidad en los horarios de clases". "Tengo que cargar clases incompatibles con mi horario de trabajo".

Septiembre: Mes de libertad

Por María del Carmen González Colmenárez

Las colonias españolas del Nuevo Mundo clamaban por su libertad durante los años de 1800 a 1821, siendo estas décadas de gran trascendencia histórica, ya que la llama de la libertad no podía ser apagada.

México, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Nicaragua y Chile estaban gestando en su propio seno la semilla de su emancipación, para lograr ser patrias independientes y soberanas, tierras que anhelaban alimentar a sus hijos bajo los ideales de igualdad y fraternidad.

La independencia y soberanía de las naciones son el reflejo de la capacidad política de un pueblo por elegir a sus gobernantes, legislar sus leyes, y establecer las bases para el respeto de los derechos individuales de todo ser humano.

La lucha es por el bien, siendo magnánima su victoria y honorable la paz que se persigue después de la cruzada lucha. Todo por establecer una paz justa y cantarina en beneficio del pueblo mismo.

En México, la historia nos remonta a ese memorable 15 de septiembre de 1810 en el cual en el pequeño pueblo de Dolores, en el estado de Guanajuato, el cura de la parroquia Don Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, enarbó la bandera de la libertad bajo las campanas de la catedral. Ese era el inicio de una gesta que

duraría 11 años, para alcanzar su preciada emancipación en el año de 1821, bajo el liderazgo de Agustín de Iturbide.

En Costa Rica, Guatemala y Nicaragua la emancipación se lograría el 15 de septiembre de 1821, fecha en la cual celebran su independencia, y Chile la conmemora el 18 de septiembre del mismo año.

La independencia de estos países se conquistó con sangre, sudor y lágrimas. Había que pelear y dar la vida, todo por la soberanía de la nación. Caudillos y héroes, hombres llenos de fe por una América libre. Hombres y mujeres tuvieron que pagar el precio de lo que hoy llamamos PATRIA, para legar a los hijos de sus hijos, no sólo la tierra en la cual abrieron sus ojos al mundo, sino también el suelo de sus ancestros, de sus suecos, y de su futuro. Suelo de gente con riqueza histórica, culturas llenas de magia, misterio y gloria.

Los hispanos en Norteamérica celebran estas fiestas con grandes celebraciones. Alrededor del país se conmemoran las Fiestas Patrias llevando a cabo el Mes de la Hispanidad, en el cual se realizan diferentes actividades culturales, étnicas, y sociales llenas de colorido y tradición. Su propósito es unir a las comunidades hispanas, inculcar su herencia étnica, hermanar a los pueblos que hablan una misma lengua y que tienen además, un pasado lleno de riqueza cultural, siendo portadores en esta nación de un mensaje de respeto por la patria de sus ancestros, y por la continuidad de la paz.

Las celebraciones de la hispanidad en UTB/TSC

Por Ginger James
Editora del Collegian Online

UTB/TSC celebrará el Mes Nacional de la Hispanidad con un programa de eventos en donde participarán organizaciones de la comunidad y miembros de ambos lados de la frontera a partir de este martes 15 de septiembre.

Aunque el inicio oficial de esta celebración es a partir del miércoles 16 de septiembre, los eventos para celebrar la herencia hispana empezarán desde el sábado 12, dijo Paul Kavanaugh, director del comité para la celebración del Mes de la Herencia Hispana. Las conferencias, presentaciones y eventos especiales continuarán casi diariamente hasta el 12 de octubre.

Es de vital importancia para la universidad celebrar el Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana porque la mayoría de nuestra comunidad es hispana, dijo Kavanaugh.

"Fisto es para celebrar la herencia cultural de los hispanos, quienes son la mayoría en el campus, en esta región, y

en un futuro, en el estado", dijo él, al agregar que UTB/TSC es una "institución bilingüe, bicultural y birracional. Este [evento] es una manera apropiada para celebrar lo que esta institución es".

Aunque la celebración es para la comunidad entera, está enfocada a los estudiantes, dijo Kavanaugh.

"La razón fundamental de esta celebración es para el beneficio de los estudiantes", dijo él. "Nosotros [la comunidad] podemos reflejar quienes somos, cuál es nuestra misión, y compartir nuestro orgullo con la gente [dentro de la celebración]".

Muchos profesores y empleados administrativos de UTB/TSC

estarán participando en la celebración a través de conferencias y seminarios, y los profesores están motivando a sus estudiantes a asistir a las reuniones, dijo Kavanaugh.

"Fisto may impresionado con el número de profesores que participan y con el apoyo de sus estudiantes", dijo él.

Uno de los mayores eventos que tendrá lugar durante la celebración es el seminario denominado "El Nuevo Santander: 250 Años de la Historia del Sur de Texas", que se llevará a cabo los días 18 y 19 de septiembre en el Auditorio SET-B (Ciencias y Tecnología Ingeniería). Este seminario especial, patrocinado por el Consejo de Texas para las Humanidades, tendrá varios paneles de discusión acerca de la herencia hispana en el Sur de Texas. Los conjuntos musicales que participarán son los de José Moreno, Rigo Garza y David Champen Jr., además del Maniché Alcorán de UTB/TSC, quienes tocarán durante el evento.

Otro punto de interés para los estudiantes tanto como para empleados y profesores es la conferencia "El Cuento", por Rodolfo Anyalé el lunes 1 de 9:00 a 2:30 p.m. en el Auditorio SET-B. Anyalé, quien escribió "Bless Me, Ultima", y quien ha sido reconocido como uno de los escritores de mayor influencia en la literatura chicana, dijo Norman Binder,



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director del Departamento de Ciencias Sociales. Anyalé dará otra conferencia y participará en sesión de preguntas y respuestas y firma de libros el lunes de 7:15 a 9:15 p.m. en el mismo auditorio.

Obras de arte para la Celebración del Mes de la Herencia Hispana son provistas por el profesor de arte Carlos Gómez, quien donó trabajos artísticos.

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School hires first dean of student relations

By Debra Willborn
Staff Writer

A licensed professional counselor will be UTB/TSC's first dean of Student Relations.

Jill Zimmerman will start work here Oct. 12. Zimmerman most recently served as the assistant dean for Judicial and Student Assistance at the University of New Orleans.

The Student Relations office was created this semester to alleviate the heavy workload placed upon the staff of Student Affairs.

"I think Dr. Zimmerman will

be a great asset to us because of her skill level," said Dina Sosa-Hegarty, director of Student Activities, who was on the hiring committee.

"Dr. Zimmerman brings much-needed expertise to our growing university," Sosa-Hegarty said. "Her extensive experience with Greek affairs will be invaluable to the burgeoning Greek population on campus. She has an expansive knowledge of educational law, and directors under her will benefit greatly from that."

Students should know they have rights and responsibilities. For example, they have a

responsibility to act civil. Should a student fall short in that area, an investigation may ensue. Zimmerman will hear the student's side of the story and act as an advocate on his/her behalf. She also will conduct the investigation in a fair manner.

Previously, the roles of advocate, investigator and arbiter were pressed upon one person, usually Vice President for Student Affairs Olivia Rivas. As dean of Student Relations, Zimmerman will assume responsibilities from Rivas, the assistant to the vice president and various directors in the

division.

Zimmerman holds a doctorate in counselor education, a master's in counseling and personnel and a bachelor's in special education. She is a licensed professional counselor and a member of the National Board of Certified Counselors.

What is perhaps as important as her credentials is her attitude toward her work. Sosa-Hegarty described her as "committed to students," and students who interviewed her said she was "very student-centered." In New Orleans, she managed a coffee shop near campus, preferring to keep in



Jill Zimmerman

close contact with her students even after school hours.

Sosa-Hegarty said Zimmerman is very excited about her forthcoming role at UTB/TSC, and seemed particularly interested in Brownsville's proximity to the sunny South Texas beaches.

Enrollment drop critical

By Ginger James
Collegian Online Editor

UTB/TSC could experience a reduction in state funding if credit hours do not increase.

The university is funded based on an approximation of how many total hours all students will take, and a drop in the number of credit hours could mean a cut in funding. Ernesto Garcia, director for the Enrollment Office, said. Since 1996, credit hours have fallen 3.3 percent, according to an Enrollment Office report.

"Certainly, this [decrease in credit hours] doesn't help," Garcia said. "We still have the Spring 1999 semester to make up the difference."

If the university funding is reduced, cutbacks have to be made to make up for the loss. The Executive Council decides what cutbacks to make, Garcia said. These cutbacks are usually made in areas that are not absolute necessities, such as student services.

Can you guess what's in the little bag?



UTB students Charlie Salazar and Diana Lopez couldn't guess either. They were two of about 1,700 volunteers at the beach cleanup Saturday. See story, page 5.

Late aid checks irk students

By Ginger James
Collegian Online Editor

Many students who expected a late financial aid check from the Business Office on Sept. 17 will have to wait—again.

Students who did not receive checks on the Aug. 26 disbursement date were told they would receive the checks on Sept. 17. Although some checks were available on Sept. 17, many students were turned away from the office, with Business Office employees telling them their checks will not be ready until Sept. 30.

"I went by [the Business Office] on the seventeenth, when they [Business Office officials] said the check would be ready," said Freshman Blady Sandoval. "It wasn't ready. I wasted my time for nothing."

Associate Director of the Business Office Yolanda De La Riva said they had to pick a date for check disbursement, and Sept. 17 sounded plausible.

"When we realized all of the checks

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"They could make, say, a 10 percent cut across the board [in student services], or they could cut out programs," Garcia said. "It's up to the Executive Council to decide what or how much gets cut."

Spring enrollments are historically larger than Fall enrollments, and that's good, since that gives the university a chance at making up credit hours, Garcia said. However, a Spring semester enrollment large enough to make up for this Fall might be hoping for too much.

"We're going to have to surpass the Spring enrollment expectations by 800 to 1,000 students to make up for this semester," he said.

Vice President for Business Affairs Jeanne Ralston said a substantial funding loss is predicted for the university.

"Any funding loss is substantial," she said. "We are not a wealthy institution, and any loss will be felt."

Total enrollment for this semester is 8,137 students, down from 8,277 last fall, according to the report. This 1.7 percent drop is a disappointment, since from 1993 to 1996 Fall enrollments increased by 5 percent, to 6 percent each year, Garcia said.

The sharpest decline was in upper-level enrollment, which declined 5.2 percent from last fall, according to the report.

Garcia said a task force will work on discovering why enrollment and credit hours are on a decline and what the university can do to remedy the situation.

The Enrollment Management Task Force will study recruitment, retention, marketing and other areas. It cannot be just one thing, but a combination of things," he said. "We then will know where to start improvements."

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would not be ready [by the Aug. 26 disbursement date], we couldn't just say the date would be TBA [to be announced]," De La Riva said. "We had to set a date, and that date was Sept. 17."

The student checks are not just reimbursement checks. Reimbursement money is now combined with "book check" money, De La Riva said. This means students on financial aid who did not get their checks on Aug. 26 have either borrowed money to buy books from another source, or have simply gone without books for the first weeks of class.

"I borrowed money for my books from someone else, and now I can't pay them back yet," said Freshman Ilana Galvan, after leaving the Business Office window without her check last Friday. "They said it would be in since yesterday [Sept. 17], and it's not."

More than 5,000 financial aid checks have been disbursed since the first class day, Pat Barrera, director for the Business Office, said.

"We distributed 4,800 the first class day, 400 before Labor Day, and many yesterday [Sept. 17]," Barrera said. "Right now, there are more than 1,000 checks that haven't been picked up."

Barrera said there are checks that haven't been printed yet, although she could not give an exact number, since all of the information is not available from financial aid yet. Many checks already distributed did come out later than anticipated. However, a combination of events are the culprits for the late checks.

"It is not just one cause, one office, it's several [causes and offices]," she said.

De La Riva said one of the main causes for the late checks was the computer conversion process the Business Office is undergoing. The Business Office computers were not year-2000 compliant and had to be changed. The conversion is a lengthy process, she said, and is only half completed, she said.

"There is never a good time for a conversion," Barrera said, referring to the time it takes and the inconvenience for both staff and students. "But it had to be done before the year 2000."

More than 3,000 emergency loans also caused a backup in the Business Office, Barrera said. Many students had not been awarded financial aid by the payment deadline, so they took out emergency loans. Whether it was the Financial Aid Office, the students, or both that "fell behind," Barrera said replacing the loans with financial aid money is time-consuming.

"Someone has to go into each file [of 3,000 students with emergency loans] and fix it," Barrera said. "That causes a bit of a problem."

The Financial Aid office was contacted throughout last week by The Collegian to ask about the delays in awarding student financial aid, but they did not answer their phones.

Barrera and De La Riva both said they are working as much as possible to get out the checks by Sept. 30.

"I have six people working on printing checks right now," Barrera said. "I wish I could put 30, but I simply don't have the resources here to do that."

Students expecting checks from the Business Office will be notified by mail as soon as the check is printed, Barrera said.

"These problems should not be as prominent next fall semester, since the new computer system will be completely installed, Barrera said.

"It shouldn't be too bad this spring, either, since most students have already been awarded their financial aid in the fall," she said.

Barrera and De La Riva said they understand the frustration the students are feeling, and want to help however they can. Barrera suggested a forum for students with the directors of Financial Aid Office, Enrollment Office and Business Office present.

Until a forum can be arranged, Barrera said students can contact her, De La Riva, or anyone in the Business Office for help.

"If they [students] need to talk to us, we're right here. Our doors are always open. We want to try and right whatever they feel has been wronged," Barrera said.

De La Riva said the Business Office will work hard to improve its service.

"If we can improve, we want to improve. It is important to us to have happy students," she said.

Barrera can be reached at 544-8807 and De La Riva can be reached at 544-8804.

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Programs here help get people off federal aid

By Debra Wilborn
Staff Writer

UTB/TSC is helping move people off federal assistance and into the job market. Recently, the Texas Workforce Commission awarded three grants totaling more than \$1 million to enable the school to provide training for hundreds of employees in Cameron County. The Center for Business and Economic Development (CBED), part of the School of Business, is administering these substantial grants.

The largest of the grants, a Self-Sufficiency Fund grant of \$989,000, is aimed at moving people off the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program by giving them proper training. It will provide employment and training for 215 people at three area hospitals. A minimum of 25 topics will be covered by the new curriculum tailored for this situation.

Betsy V. Boze, dean of the School of Business, stressed the importance of this grant in helping these 215 families in the Rio Grande Valley.

"This project is the beginning of a new chapter in welfare reform," Boze said. In cooperation with the hospitals, the state of Texas and M3 Corporation, we will teach these people skills that will help them get good jobs with sustainable wages."

It takes a lot of work and time to develop the grant programs. For the largest grant, CBED worked with a consortium of five partners. Valley Baptist Medical Center, Valley Regional Medical Center, and Brownsville Medical Center came to the table. It also included the participation of M3, the healthcare learning company, and the local workforce board, Cameron Works Inc., formerly the Cameron County Private Industry Council. Despite the number of concerns represented, in a month and a half CBED had a program to meet the needs of all involved. The Self-Sufficiency grant takes effect Oct. 1. In the interim, CBED will be working out the details of the procedures that need to be in place to ensure full compliance with grant requirements.

In addition to this ground-breaking project, CBED is working with two other grants for improving the skill levels of existing employees. The Skills

Development Funds Program awarded \$60,153 to implement a retraining program at the Norton Co. in Brownsville, and another grant of \$41,902 will provide additional training at an area hospital.

"At Norton, 55 employees will receive retraining due to a product change at the plant," Ruben Chahallero, Workforce Training Coordinator, explained. "At Brownsville Community Health Center, 12 employees will learn Spanish in the medical profession, and those 12 plus an additional 13 will take management courses."

But the Center isn't primarily concerned with quantity.

"Our whole focus is to provide necessary training for the business and corporate sectors of our community," said Rosalie Manzana, director of the Center for Business and Economic Development.

There are different ways corporate training can be provided. Usually, the company pays for it itself, and employees enter UTB/TSC like any other student in the Continuing Education Program. However, if companies need to upgrade the skills of their current employees or will be creating many jobs, they may want to take the time to pursue a grant. In both cases, CBED helps the company plan the necessary curriculum and arranges for the training to be conducted either at the university or on site.

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On Campus

Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup a success

By Melissa Canto
Collegian Editor

Syringes, a doll head, a car, glow sticks, glass bottles, and fishing nets were just a few of the items picked up at the annual Texas Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup.

The Adopt-A-Beach Program is a volunteer effort to remove trash from Texas beaches and to increase awareness that a beach liner problem does exist. It is a community effort that draws participation from businesses, schools, government agencies, civic and youth groups, churches and many more organizations.

The debris collected at each cleanup is recorded and then used to trace where it may have come from so those breaking the international treaty banning dumping in the world's oceans, are fined or even prosecuted.

Texas Land Commissioner and Democratic

gubernatorial candidate, Garry Mauro visited UTB/TSC on Sept. 18 to promote the cleanup.

"After the cleanup we go after the people that created the problem," Mauro said. "When's the last time you saw tar balls on the beach?"

At the cleanup Sept. 19, about 1,700 volunteers, many of them from UTB/TSC, picked up a total of 60,000 pounds of trash on a 25-mile stretch of beach, said Juan Ramirez, UTB student and registration volunteer at Padre Island.

Ramirez said the amount of people registering was overwhelming.

"We were surprised with the amount of people that showed up to volunteer," he said. "We were expecting about half that amount."

In past cleanups, several unusual items were found, including a truckload of library books, a glass eye, a 1926 soft drink bottle, a hand grenade, a circus tent, and a 5-pound bag of cocaine.



Gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro

SGA elections postponed as few seek candidacy

By Jessica Arriaga
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association has postponed its elections until next month because not enough candidates have signed up. Elections were to have been conducted Sept. 14 and 16, but at press time Monday only five students had applied for candidacy, SGA officials said.

A total of 30 SGA representative positions are vacant: two upper-division undergraduate representatives from each of the five schools/colleges that have an upper-division program; two lower-division undergraduate representatives from each of the five schools/colleges; one graduate representative from each of the four graduate programs; and one representative each from the student classifications of freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, special, and graduate/special graduate.

Undergraduate candidates are required to have a grade-point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale and 6 credit hours at UTB/TSC. Graduate candidates need a 3.0 GPA and at least three graduate hours.

SGA officers were elected last spring.

Representative elections may take place the first week of October if enough students apply for candidacy, said Dina Sosa-Hegarty, director of Student Activities and advisor to the SGA.

To promote this semester's election, SGA officials have placed banners around campus. This week, they also took part in Scorpion Rush, where students can join any club they may be interested in.

"What we want is to get exposed to students because if they don't come to us with concerns, how can we help," said Sandra Longoria, president of the SGA.

A new project the association has begun this semester is "I Spy," where students are encouraged to submit concerns or suggestions. Among the suggestions submitted are synchronizing the clocks at Eidman Hall and beefing up security in the parking lots.

"Basically what we are is the voice of the students,"

Longoria said.

The new SGA representatives will have other important tasks, as well. Plans are being made to revise the constitution. Any proposed amendments will be presented for approval by the student body in a referendum.

Also, on-campus leadership conferences are planned this semester. Speakers and sessions will be open to students, faculty and the public.

The SGA office is located in the Leadership Exchange Room in the Student Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday. Student leaders also can be reached at 983-7254 or by fax at 548-6563.

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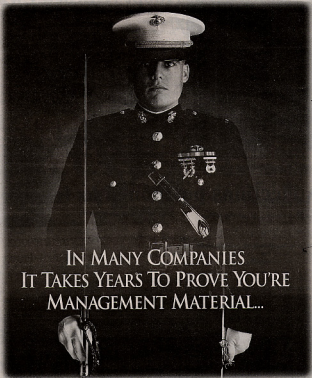


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Arts & Entertainment

Theater Review

'Dona Rosita' contains Everything but the cream

By Ruben Beltran
Staff Writer

On Sept. 17, as part of UTB/TSC's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Student Activities Office presented the one-woman theater piece "Dona Rosita's Jalapeño Kitchen."

Directed by Rodrigo Duarte Clark, the show stars Ruby Nelda Perez as Rosita, a Chicana single mother and Mexican restaurant owner who is faced with an offer from a big corporation to sell her property in order to make room for a shopping mall. The restaurant, a microcosm of her Chicana life and barrio, is held in limbo, albeit in Rosita's hands. She must decide whether to sell it or keep her cultural roots. In her town of Salapuebles, Spanish for "get out if you can," most of her friends and neighbors concur that they must leave the squalid conditions of the barrio.

Like everyone else, Rosita adheres to the belief that the barrio is no good and the suburbs are the only salvation. She dreams she goes to heaven and finds it has been customized to negate all Chicano attributes, especially the cuisine. To satisfy her craving for Mexican food, she must go to hell and borrow some jalapeños from Satan. Rosita spells her temptations of living in heaven and decides to retain her Chicana culture. She makes hell her heaven by biting into a taco prepared by Satan, lest she become a gahabcho (slang for white person).

Since the play has mostly poor Mexican-American characters, it can't be held responsible to reflect the complete reality of different economical classes. Ruby



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Ruby Nelda waves a large spoon at customers Sept. 17.

Nelda Perez's performance ably delivers a gamut of characters, each forged with their own funny mannerisms. Her performance was weakened only by the boring simplicity of the play, leveraging itself in Chicano slapstick to the point of it almost becoming condescending. Aside from delivering good old-fashioned white-bashing, playwright Duarte Clark must have used every word and phrase he thought would be funny to a typical Mexican-American.

THE Crossword

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Briefs

Plaintiff Rodrigo Gonzalez Barragosa will perform at 8 tonight in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Gonzalez, a native of Mexico, has toured throughout Europe, the United States, Mexico, Central America and South America. He is the director of Escuela de Arte in Monterey. Admission for tonight's concert is \$10 for adults, \$7 for children and senior citizens, and \$3 for UTB/TSC students with ID.

The UTB/TSC Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble will perform at 8 p.m. Oct. 6 in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Admission is \$3.

The art exhibit "Two Women: Theresa Herrera/Luz Maria Lyles" opens at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Richardson Art Gallery. The exhibit focuses on the embodiment of women and the essence of the spiritual culture and the Latina and Chicana bloodlines. Theresa Herrera lives in Luling, La., and has exhibited in Louisiana, Missouri and California. Luz Maria Lyles, born in Honduras, lives in Covington, La. Her works have been shown in Louisiana, Texas, Washington, D.C., Missouri, Florida and Mississippi. Admission to the exhibit, which runs through Oct. 23, is free.

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Viewpoint

Letter to the Editor

On Sept. 17, I woke up at what I thought was the crack of dawn, dragged myself to the shower, got dressed, and waited for my equally sleepy boyfriend to pick me up. You see this was Thursday, the day financial aid and reimbursement checks were to be in; at least that is what I was told by the Business Office three or four times since classes began.

After waiting in the line for about an hour or so (we got there before the office opened and still had a long wait), we reached the window and with the anticipation of two children on Christmas morning, we handed over our student IDs. Lo and behold, the clerks (simultaneously, as if they had rehearsed it) told my boyfriend and I that our checks wouldn't be in until [Sept.] 30 because "the computer hadn't printed all the checks."

Really now, it's not so much the money that we HAVE to pay our parents back or the waiting in line—after almost five years here, I'm used to it. It's the fact that there were never any notices posted or that no one ever came out and told us, "Hey, by the way, some of you might not get your checks today." Obviously the Business Office knew about this when they opened up that morning.

We pay our tuition or face the consequences, you know - the not-so-important stuff like having our ENTIRE schedule dropped. Isn't it about time this institution starts practicing what it preaches?

Michelle Garcia
Senior Psychology major



Student



"Do you think bilingual education should be eliminated from Texas education systems?"



"I believe that it should be optional and not eliminated. This would be the best resolution to the problem."

-- Diana Lopez
Sophomore

"[Bilingual] education should not be abolished for the very same reason English education has not been abolished. The majority of times being bilingual can determine how far you get in your career."

-- Giovanna Hernandez
Sophomore



"Bilingual education is necessary in the Texas school system because the majority of people talk Spanish. In addition, being so close to the border, people interact with other individuals who speak Spanish."

-- Lety Esquivel
Sophomore

compiled by Arnie Gonzalez

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Sports

Golf program in full swing

By Yesenia De La Rosa

Staff Writer

UTB/TSC's hopes to re-start a golf team after 10 years finally has become reality.

The program has both a men's team and a women's team. The players consist of the Valley's best. So far, the men's team has 13 participants, eight of whom are on full scholarships. All four participants on the women's team also are scholarship recipients.

Coach Jesse Lucio said he doesn't know what to expect because they are both new teams.

"It's a wait-and-see type of situation," Lucio said. "My expectations are to see how the team stands at the



Coach Jesse Lucio

end of the season. I would like to see my team in the top four at regionals next year."

The women's team will travel to Temple to participate in a tournament Oct. 15-16. The men's team will travel to Louisiana to participate in a tournament Oct. 26-27.



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The men's golf team consists of (standing, from left) Luis Gonzalez, Xavier Tamez, Danny Leandro, Trey Mendez, Danny Franco, and Joey Zayas. Kneeling (from left) are Rene Rodriguez, Hector Burnias, Arnold Flores, Randy Medina, Ricky Benavides, and Luis Yambay. Not present is Joseph O'Bell.

Volleyball Yavapai Invitational held in Prescott, Ariz.

Sept. 10	UTB vs. Mesa 14-7, 13-10, 12-8	win
	UTB vs. Eastern Arizona 19-7, 14-9, 14-5	win
Sept. 11	UTB vs. Glendale 10-8, 8-13, 7-12	lost
	UTB vs. Fullerton 15-5, 9-12, 11-9	win
	UTB vs. Mount Hood 15-7, 16-7, 7-10	win
	UTB vs. Long Beach 8-12, 9-10, 13-0	loss
Sept. 12	UTB vs. Trinidad State 10-13, 16-11, 15-9	win
	UTB vs. South Mountain 32-3, 25-5, 14-8	win
	UTB vs. Phoenix College 7-4, 12-9, 15-8	win
	UTB vs. Scotsdale 10-12, 9-7, 12-9	win
	UTB ranked third out of 19 teams	Record 12-6



The Ladies golf team consists of (from left) Veronica Gonzalez, and Rita Villarreal. Not present were Sandra Canzoso and Kristal Garga.

UTB/TSC 1998 Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent/Tourney	Place	Time
Oct. 2-3	Region XIV Conference Tourney-I Laredo Community College	Laredo	TBA
Oct. 6	South Texas Community College	Brownsville	5 p.m.
Oct. 16-17	Region XIV Conference Tourney-II	Brenham	TBA
Oct. 20	Texas A&M Kingsville	Kingsville	6 p.m.
Oct. 23-24	Wharton Invitational	Wharton	TBA
Oct. 28	Laredo Community College	Brownsville	5 p.m.
Nov. 6-7	Region XIV Conference Tourney-II Lee College	Baytown	TBA
Nov. 13-14	Regional Championship	TBA	TBA
Nov. 23-25	NJCAA National Championship	Orem, UT	TBA

UTB/TSC 1998 Golf Program Schedule

Oct. 15 and 16	Ladies Tourney	Temple, TX
Oct. 26 and 27	Men's Tourney	Louisiana

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Hispanic Heritage Month

Friday, Sept. 25

10-10:50 a.m.
North Hall 211
Class

"Spanish American Literature" (Topics vary)
Prof. Cheryl Phelps (Spanish)

10-11 a.m.
SETB 2.336
Presentation

"The U.S.-Mexican War - An American Introduction to Mexican Culture"
Dr. Douglas Murphy, Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site

1-2:30 p.m.
SETB 2.548
Film

"The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez"
A border ballad by América Paredes

8-10 p.m.
SETB Lecture Hall

Piano Concert
Prof. Rodrigo González Barragán, Director of the Escuela de Arte de Monterrey. Sponsored by Patron of the Arts.

All Day
Closed Circuit TV - Chicano Film Series

Saturday, Sept. 26

8-9:30 p.m.
Carlotta Petrina Museum, 1452 E. Madison St.

Presentation/Reading
"Folktales of Lower Rio Grande Valley"
Cuentos Folclóricos del Bajo Valle del Rio Bravo"
Prof. George Green

Monday, Sept. 28

10-10:50 a.m.
North Hall 211
Class

"Spanish American Literature" (Topics vary)
Prof. Cheryl Phelps (Spanish)

10-11 a.m.
Tandy Hall 116

Lecture/Discussion
"Why Doesn't the Political System Work Well for Minorities?"
Prof. Joe Binder

1-2 p.m.
Tandy Hall 115
Presentation

"Distribución de Espacio de las Construcciones en Matamoros a fines del

Siglo XIX/
Special Distribution of Construction in Matamoros at the End of the 19th Century"
Mtro. Jaime Mendoza, Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Matamoros (Spanish with English translation)

All Day
Closed Circuit TV - Chicano Film Series

Tuesday, Sept. 29

10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.
North Hall 230
Class

"Chicano Narrative"
Prof. Cipriano Cardenas

10:50 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
SETB Lecture Hall

Lecture and Demonstration
"History of Texas Conjunto Music"
David Champion and Rogelio Nufiez, Narciso Martinez Cultural Center

Noon-12:30 p.m.
Allied Health 130

Reading/Discussion
"The Work of Federico Garcia Lorca"
Prof. Genaro Lopez

All Day
Richardson Art Gallery, Art Building 3rd floor
Art Exhibit
"Two Women"
Theresa Herrera and Luz Maria Lyles

All Day
Closed Circuit TV - Chicano Film Series

Wednesday, Sept. 30

10-10:50 a.m.
North Hall 211
Class

"Spanish American Literature" (Topics vary)
Prof. Cheryl Phelps (Spanish)

Noon-1:30 p.m.
Tandy Hall 116
Discussion

"The Role of Mexican-American and Mexican Heritage in a Revised General Education Program"
General Education Task Force

4:30 p.m.
Gymnasium Annex

Lecture/Slide/Video Presentation
"Pre-Columbian Sport and Physical Activity"
Prof. Judy Walton

All Day
Closed Circuit TV - Chicano Film Series

Thursday, Oct. 1

10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.
North Hall 230
Class

"Chicano Narrative"
Prof. Cipriano Cardenas

10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.
Set-B Lecture Hall
Lecture

"The Slaughter of the Pigs - La Matanza"
Prof. David Pearson

Noon-12:30 p.m.
SETB Lecture Hall
Concert

Estudiantina and Mariachi Pace High School
Kelly Stuart, Director

1-2 p.m.
Tandy Hall 110

Lecture/Discussion
"Operation Rio Grande: A Response to Undocumented Immigration from Mexico"
Mr. Jonathan Jones, Proyecto Libertad

6-7:30 p.m.
SETB Lecture Hall

Teatro Universitario en Español
"Una Mariposa Blanca" (Spanish)
Prof. Lidia Diaz

7:30-8:30 p.m.
Tandy Hall 110

Reading/Discussion
"Presentación del Tomo 2 (Primavera del 1998) del 'Novosantanderino'"
Prof. Juan Antonio Gonzalez (Spanish)

All Day
Richardson Art Gallery, Art Building 3rd floor
Art Exhibit
"Two Women"
Theresa Herrera and Luz Maria Lyles

All Day
Closed Circuit TV - Chicano Film Series

Friday, Oct. 2

10-10:50 a.m.
North Hall 211
Class

"Spanish American Literature" (Topics vary)
Prof. Cheryl Phelps (Spanish)

1-3 p.m.
Tandy Hall 115

Film
"Viva Zapata"

Saturday, Oct. 3

8-9:30 p.m.
Carlotta Petrina Museum
Madison St.

Reading/Discussion
"Poesía Bilingüe/Bilingual Parallel Texts in English"
George Green, Jose Varela, Antonio Gonzalez, Cipriano Cardenas

Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 5-6

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Monday, Oct. 5

10-10:50 a.m.
North Hall 211
Class

"Spanish American Literature" (Topics vary)
Prof. Cheryl Phelps (Spanish)

10-11 a.m.
Allied Health 130

Presentation
"Familias transfronterizas: Derechos/Families from the Border: Behavioral and Life"
Mira Elizabeth Cuevas Luna, La Frontera Norte, Matamoros with English translation

11 a.m.-noon
SETB 2.336
Presentation

"Environmental Contaminación: Border: The Attitude of 'Contaminación Ambiental - La actitud de ambas'"
Mtra. Belen Vasquez, E.I. Frontera Norte, Matamoros (English translation)

Noon-1 p.m.
SETB Lecture Hall
Recital/Discussion
"La Musica Clasica Latino"
Prof. Francisco Roca

1-2 p.m.
Tandy Hall 115

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Difíciles Entre Brownsville y Matamoros/
A History of the Difficult Relationship
Between Brownsville and Matamoros"
Dr. Arturo Zarate Ruiz, El Colegio de la
Frontera Norte, Matamoros, (Spanish
with English translation)

All Day
Richardson Art Gallery, Art Building, 3rd
floor
Art Exhibit
"Two Women"
Theresa Herrera and Luz María Lyles

Tuesday, Oct. 5

10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.
North Hall 230
Class
"Chicano Narrative"
Prof. Cipriano Cadenas

Noon-1 p.m.
Allied Health 130
Lecture

"Medieval Semic Influences on the
Borderlands"
Prof. Mike Kearney

4:25-5:30 p.m.
Tandy Hall 115
Discussion

"Bordering the Future and the Effective
Border School Research and
Development Initiative: What is the Best
Kind of Research on the Border?"
Dr. Paul Kavanaugh and Prof. Theresa
Gallegos

All Day
Richardson Art Gallery, Art Building, 3rd
floor
Art Exhibit
"Two Women"
Theresa Herrera and Luz María Lyles

Wednesday, Oct. 7

10-10:50 a.m.
North Hall 211
Class

"Spanish American Literature" (Topics
vary)
Prof. Cheryl Phelps (Spanish)

10-11 a.m.
SETB 2.336
Discussion

"Can Maquiladoras be Good for Mexico?"
Dr. Paul Kavanaugh

11 a.m. - noon
SETB 2.335

Lecture/Discussion
"Chicano Isolation in South Texas — A
Forgotten Minority"
Mr. Rogelio Nuñez and others
1-2 p.m.
Tandy Hall 115
Presentation
"Dichos de Mi Gente: Are We Losing
Them?"
Prof. Andres Vallado

All Day
Richardson Art Gallery, Art Building, 3rd
floor
Art Exhibit
"Two Women"
Theresa Herrera and Luz María Lyles

Thursday, Oct. 8

10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.
North Hall 230
Class
"Chicano Narrative"
Prof. Cipriano Cadenas

10:50 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Allied Health 130
Lecture/Discussion

"A History of Mexican-American
Involvement
in Politics"
Prof. Joe Binder

12:15-1:30 p.m.
SETB Lecture Hall
Multimedia Presentation
"Guatemala, Land of the Eternal Spring"
Mr. Jose Duarte

7:30-8:30 p.m.
SETB 2.336
Reading/Discussion
"Presentación del Tomo 2 (Primavera del
1998) del Novosantanderino"
Prof. Juan Antonio Gonzalez (Spanish)

All Day
Richardson Art Gallery, Art Building, 3rd
floor
Art Exhibit
"Two Women"
Theresa Herrera and Luz María Lyles

Friday, Oct. 9

10-10:50 a.m.
North Hall 211
Class

"Spanish American Literature" (Topics
vary)
Prof. Cheryl Phelps (Spanish)

1-3 p.m.
Tandy Hall 116

Film
"Viva Zapata!"
8-10 p.m.
SETB Lecture Hall
Film/Discussion
"El Jardín del Eden" (Mexico)
Discussion in Spanish after the film led by
Prof. Lidia Diaz
All Day
Richardson Art Gallery, Art Building, 3rd floor
Art Exhibit
"Two Women"
Theresa Herrera and Luz María Lyles

Monday, Oct. 12

10-10:50 a.m.
North Hall 211
Class

"Spanish American Literature" (Topics vary)
Prof. Cheryl Phelps (Spanish)

10-11 a.m.
Student Center Courtyard to the SETB Plaza
Honor Walk
Refreshments will be provided to participants.
Contact the Student Activities Office for more
information at 544-8264.

11 a.m.-Noon
SETB 2.336
Presentation

"The Real Meaning of Columbus Day"
Prof. Luis Rodriguez-Abad

Noon-1 p.m.
Allied Health 140
Presentation/Discussion
"Women South of the Border"
Ms. Thelma Sullivan and colleagues

3-4 p.m.
Tandy Hall 110
"Reading from Hispanic Authors"
Prof. Teresa Cadenas and colleagues

7-8 p.m.
SETB 2.336
Presentation
"The Real Meaning of Columbus Day"
Prof. Luis Rodriguez-Abad

7:15-10 p.m.
South Hall 119
Spanish Children's Theater (English/Spanish)
Prof. Graciela P. Rosenberg

All Day
Richardson Art Gallery, Art Building, 3rd floor
Art Exhibit
"Two Women"
Theresa Herrera and Luz María Lyles

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The Collegian Press Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. today at The Collegian Office, located in the Student Center. Those interested in reporting, photography and graphic design are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Azarenth Consejo at 544-8263.

Alliance Française will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 2 in South Hall 122. Guest speakers David and Carol Butler, retired missionaries, will talk about current events in Algeria. Admission is free.

Plans are being made for an 11-day student trip to China during the second Summer Session of 1999. For more information, contact Social Science Professor Milo Kearney at 982-0218 or 546-7260.

Paul Kavanagh, coordinator for Hispanic Heritage Month at UTB, describes the month's activities and offers a glimpse at those programs in which he is personally involved. On "Academic Voices," airing at 2 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Thursday on KMBH-FM (88.9) and KHED-FM (88.1). At 2 p.m. Oct. 4 and 7 p.m. Oct. 8, David Woolweaver, a Harlingen pianist/organist, discusses the efforts of Valley Dentists Who Care, an organization devoted to providing dental care to children without sufficient funds, on the radio interview program, "Academic Voices" is hosted by social science Professor Tony Kuopp.

TASP Workshops begin in October. The Learning Assistance Center will give a Saturday and a weekday series of workshops on TASP preparation. The Saturday series is scheduled for Oct. 17, Oct. 24, and Nov. 7. The reading section will be from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., writing from 10 a.m. to noon, and math from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The weekday series will be Oct. 19-29, and Nov. 2-5, from 2 to 4 p.m. The reading section workshops will be held on Mondays, writing section workshops will take place on Wednesdays, and math section workshops will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All workshops will be held in North Hall 116. All workshops in a series should be attended.

Studying for A's Workshops have begun. Workshops are given by the Learning Assistance Center. Topics include: "Study Smarter," "Studying for Essay Exams," "Boost Your Brain Power," "Reducing Math Anxiety," and "Tips for Rapid Recall." Workshops will continue the weeks of Sept. 28 to Oct. 1, Oct. 12 to Oct. 15, Nov. 16 to Nov. 19, and Dec. 7 to Dec. 8. All workshops will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in North Hall 116.

The Office of Student Activities is currently accepting band recommendations for the 1999 Bougainvillea. The office is located in the Student Center.

On Campus

Student Activities Program Schedule

Hispanic Heritage Month

September

25 Pianist Rodrigo Gonzalez Barragan will perform at 8 p.m., Set-B Lecture Hall. Admission \$3 with validated I.D.

POVABE Conference, South Padre Island. Contact Georgianna Duarte at the School of Education at 982-0251.

26 Women's Soccer Game, UTB vs. Texas A & M University at 3 p.m.

Men's Soccer Game, UTB vs. Our Lady of the Lake University at 1 p.m.

27 Men's Soccer Game, UTB vs. San Antonio College at 11 p.m.

30 Scorpion Bake to be held in the Student Center Courtyard from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Steal a Meal at the Catholic Campus Ministry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Scorpion Scholar Reception will be held in the Alonso Building from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

October

2 Hispanic Heritage Momentum Festival

To be held in the Student Center Courtyard from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Local Valley artists and musicians will provide entertainment at the courtyard.

3-4 Women's Soccer Game, UTB vs. OLLU at 3 p.m.

5 BAEYC Meeting Presentation: Bilingual Story Hour. Contact Georgianna Duarte at the School of Education at 982-0251.

5-9 Greek organizations rush week. Greek rush schedules available in the Student Activities Office.

6 Leadership Institute, Subject: Leadership Style. To be held at the Leadership Exchange Room in the Student Center from 11 a.m. to Noon.

Women's Volleyball Game, UTB vs. South Texas Community College at 5 p.m. To be held in the UTB/TSC Gym.

UTB/TSC Jazz Band and Wind Ensembles will perform at 8 p.m. at the Set-B Lecture Hall. Admission \$3 with validated I.D.

7 Scorpion Bake to be held in the Student Center Courtyard at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Steal a Meal at the Catholic Campus Ministry at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Medrano focuses on heritage in 'Last Lecture'

By Yesenia De La Rosa

Staff Writer

Those who attended the first "Last Lecture" got a lesson on family and culture. Social Science Professor Manuel Medrano's speech focused on his family, colleagues and his heritage.

Medrano, who spoke in the SET-B Lecture Hall on Sept. 15, said both his parents had only a third-grade education. His father was a custodian and a lechero, or milkman. From his father he learned the value of hard work and wisdom.

"He taught me that wisdom does not come with a college degree," Medrano said.

The professor recited a couple of his poems in Spanish that moved the audience. He dedicated them to his mother, father, sons, and to his culture. He also paid tribute to such Hispanic heroes as Miguel Hidalgo, Cesar Chavez, Emiliano Zapata, and many others.

"Somos los millones yendo al Norte con sus sueños," he said. "Somos el águila devorando la serpiente. Somos los niños de Cortez y La Malinche." Loosely translated, he said, "We are the millions going North with our dreams. We are the eagle devouring the serpent. We are the children of Cortez and [the Indian] La Malinche."

Toward the end, Medrano presented a film in which he interviewed American Paredes and Rolando Hinojosa, both professors at the University of Texas at Austin. Paredes and Hinojosa emphasized how some people today are embarrassed of being Hispanic and do not realize what their culture is all about.

"Some of the young people were ashamed of saying Mexican," Paredes said in the film. "They did not know about their background."

Medrano's speech made people realize that if they do not know where they come from, they do not know who they are.

Under the "Last Lecture" program, which is sponsored by Student Activities, faculty and staff members are invited to present a speech as if it were their final lecture. The next speech is scheduled for Oct. 13.

Thanksgiving In Mexico Tony Knopp, Arnulfo Mar, and Bill Harris invite you to join us on the Annual Pilgrimage to Romantic San Miguel De Allende November 25-29

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This is the first of a series of short announcements/tips about the ExCET Program for those preparing for a career in teaching. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Zelma Mata or Dr. Marcia Barrett in the Kinesiology Department at 544-8250.

What is the ExCET Program?

- The ExCET Program includes tests of the Examination for the Certification of Education in Texas (ExCET).
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On Campus

Anaya says: Inspiration is inside of you



GINGER JAMES/COLLEGIAN

Rudolfo Anaya

By Ginger James
Collegian Online Editor

On his first visit to Rio Grande Valley, Chicano writer Rudolfo Anaya seems to be impressed with the Valley's celebration of its Hispanic heritage.

"It's the greatest, or I wouldn't be here," he said.

Aside from speaking at several seminars and lunches for UTB/TSC's Hispanic

Heritage Month celebration, he spoke at Harlingen High School and two Brownsville high schools. In fact, it was a HHS teacher who persuaded him to come to the Valley in spite of his busy schedule.

"Gayle Thompson, she's a Harlingen High School teacher, kept asking me to come [to the Valley], but I couldn't, because of time. But she kept at it," he said.

Anaya's discussion and book signing event was popular, with students, faculty and community members filling out the SET-B auditorium on Sept. 16. Anaya spoke about Hispanic heritage and importance of maintaining and promoting cultural ties.

"It's not the flowering of our community we have to worry about, but the suppression of it," he said.

After the lecture, everyone was free to ask Anaya questions. Students asked about a wide range of subjects, from Anaya's work to his view of the reason for life.

"Each of you has to know the answer," he said about life's purpose. "...Take away the veils, velas, (desire, anger, greed), until your life is revealed."

Anaya did not name any one person as an inspiration, but said inspiration comes from one's self.

"Inspiration is the hardest part to find," he said. "It comes from within. ... Inspiration is inside of you."

More than 100 people lined up for Anaya to sign their copies of his books after the discussion.

Anaya said he hopes his lectures open eyes for many Hispanic students regarding opportunity and education.

"When we celebrate this month, I hope that [Hispanic] students realize and take advantage of the educational opportunities out there for them. There are so many opportunities now," he said.

The Gini Scope

By Ginger James
Collegian Online Editor

Virgo

If you keep up with the posterior-kissing, your lips are going to stay in posterior-kissing mode, like that character in the Dilbert cartoons. Cut loose, just don't get too rude. Special advice: Be with the one you love, even if it's Ben & Jerry's.

Libra

Quit being so darn indecisive over everything. This biting your fingernails, agonizing over which flavor of coffee to pick is getting on everyone's nerves. Special advice: Spend your money. Not on backlogs, though. Find an Aries for that.

Scorpio

Hurry up and make that decision. Supreme sashes are great, but not if they're a week old. Quit stabbing yourself with a pencil. Lead poisoning is not fun. Special advice: Try stabbing yourself with something safer, like a paper clip.

Sagittarius

If you don't deserve the guilt trip he or she is giving you, then why put up with it? Oh, and that school or work project you feel like blowing off? Don't. That would be bad, very bad. Special advice: Buy that CD. Also watch out for brooding Scorpions with paper clips.

Capricorn

You are torn. Not like that. Natalie what's her-face song, but between two, shall we say, options? What to do? Go with the weird one. At least that option will be entertaining. Special advice: The Schwartz is strong with this one. Avoid oversized hairdryers and shedding dogs.

Aquarius

It's nice to be nice, but you deserve to be selfish this month. It's OK to grab the last slice of pizza, nobody will starve. They already ate.

Special advice: Think big, really big. Stuffed crust, extra cheese. The works.

Pisces

You've inadvertently kept the good stuff out of your life by hiding out, licking your wounds. Venus will smile on you this month. Don't slam the door in her face. Special advice: Buddy up with an Aries. They're giving free backrubs this month.

Aries

You are prone to doing incredibly stupid stuff this month. Try not to get arrested, OK? Special advice: You may freely and willingly give backrubs to those who need them. Also eat yogurt.

Taurus

Have you ever heard that country song "Deeper and Deeper," by Randy Travis? You, like Randy's friend, are digging yourself in the hole. Put down the shovel and climb out already. Yee-haw. Special advice: You're prone to step in doggie land mines this month. Avoid sandals and being barefoot.

Gemini

Find out what's really going on before choosing sides. Otherwise you'll end up sounding like one of Bill Clinton's Capitol Hill ex-buddies: "But, but, he told us..." Special advice: Avoid excess during that special party. Tell a Scorpio to go play with his paper clip.

Cancer

You need a yoga class. Can't do yoga? Watch the weather channel or "That '70s Show" on Fox. Both are repetitive enough to put you in a trance. Special advice: Go for the pink polka dot. It's milky.

Leo

Lead your buddies through the muck, and try not to get too much on your shoes. When it's all over, hit up an Aries friend for a backrub, and borrow your Sagittarius friend's new CD. Special advice: Avoid the blueberry muffins.

On Campus

The Collegian is sponsoring an essay contest in honor of "Hispanic Heritage Month," which began Sept. 15.

The theme of the essay should be a response to "What does your Hispanic Heritage Mean to You?"

Essays can be in English or Spanish, should be no more than 250

words in length and typewritten.

The three best essays will be published along with the photos of the winners in the Oct. 9 issue of *The Collegian*.

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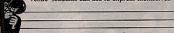
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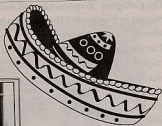
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Life Zone

Hispanic Heritage Month



UTB/TSC's Ballet Folklorico Tizatlan gives a dance performance Sept. 16 called "Celebrando Nuestra Cultura," while Mariachi Alacran played music. Associate Professor Zelma Mata is the director of the group.



Students from the Rual J. Guerra Early Childhood Center walk by all the goodies at the Latin American Food Fest in the Student Center Sept. 16. The students (from left) are Tommie Garcia, Alan Cooper, Braulio Barrada, Eduardo Hernandez, and David Gutierrez.



Life Zone

Iwanie Sanchez (left) hands a student a bag of bunuelos at the Latin American Food Fest while Julia Rodríguez (right) adds service with a smile.



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In honor of Diez Y Seis de Septiembre, Laura Foncecrrada (left) sings while Adrian Foncecrrada keeps the beat.



DORA PERAZ/COLLEGIAN

Musicians from Mariachi Alacran, under the direction of Assistant Professor Antonio Briseno perform Sept. 16.

Tiempo Nuevo

El estudiante de hoy



Por Irma A. Peña
Editora de Tiempo Nuevo

Nombre: Luis Sánchez.
Edad: 22 años.
Originario: Brownsville, Texas.

Preparatoria: Colegio Don Bosco, Matamoros, Tam.
Estudios: Licenciatura en matemáticas (1999) con segunda especialidad en inglés.

Metas: "Después de obtener mi licenciatura, voy a ingresar al programa de ingeniería industrial en UT-Austin".

Pasatiempos: Electrónica y las microcomputadoras. "Utilizo el Internet exclusivamente para obtener datos e información".

Deportes: Trotar y correr. Motivación: "Mi papá es ingeniero electrónico y siempre me ha influenciado y apoyado a seguir estudiando. Me motivan además mis profesores de matemáticas, como el Dr. Xu [Zhong-Ling]. J.J. Pérez y Sessia Wyche. Judy Goodwin me ha apoyado mucho como supervisora en el Centro de Asistencia Estudiantil".

Satisfacciones: "He estado en la Lista Nacional del Decano, *National Dean's List*. Trabajar como tutor de matemáticas". Si pudiera cambiar algo en el campus, ¿qué haría?

"Orientar más a los estudiantes de nuevo ingreso en las diversas opciones que hay para ellos en la universidad".

Diez y Seis celebrado aquí

Por Mónica Pulido
Reportera

Dentro de un ambiente de relajamiento, entusiasmo y buena comida, se llevó a cabo la ceremonia del Grito de Independencia este pasado 16 de septiembre a las 11 a.m., en el Centro Estudiantil de UTB/TSC. El evento fue organizado por Aracelia Salazar, fundadora y presidente del Club Cultural Latinoamericano. Alejandro Fuentes, director del Centro Ozanam, antes Casa Romero, fue invitado especial y quien dio el Grito de la Independencia.

Dicha celebración empezó con la participación del grupo musical La Misión, originarios de México, cuyos tres integrantes, Laura y Adrián Foncecra y Juan Rodríguez, deleitaron con la suavidad de las canciones del canto nuevo y folklórico latinoamericano.

El esfuerzo de los organizadores se dejó ver en el entusiasmo y buena organización de sus participantes. La decoración de las mesas consistió en centros de mesa estilo piratas y se repartieron insignias con la bandera nacional entre los ahí

presentes.

Yolanda González, de 41 años, ex-alumna de TSC, dijo que asiste a celebrar el Diez y Seis de septiembre para mantener vivo el espíritu mexicano.

"Aunque nací en los Estados Unidos, celebro las festividades que celebran mis padres, nacidos en México, y procuro transmitirlos a mis hijos", dijo González.

A las once y media de la mañana, Aracelia Salazar tomó el micrófono para dar la bienvenida a los estudiantes ahí presentes, los cuales llenaron las mesas del Centro Estudiantil, e introdujo a Fuentes como invitado especial, el cual subió al estrado.

Con el resonar de los tambores y de una manera solemne hizo entrada la escuela portadora de la bandera mexicana. Emilio Figueroa, originario de Brownsville, tuvo el honor de portar la bandera y pasarla a manos de Fuentes, quien a su vez se dispuso a dar el Grito de Independencia.

Ame los gritos de ¡Viva la Independencia! ¡Viva nuestra soberanía! ¡Vivan nuestros



Alejandro Fuentes ondea la bandera mexicana durante la ceremonia del Grito el pasado Diez y Seis de septiembre.

héroes que nos dieron Patria! y el tradicional ¡Viva México! los estudiantes gritaron emocionados a su vez con otro viva.

Para todos aquellos nacidos en México o cuyas familias están en aquel país, fue su dada un evento emotivo y de sentimientos vivos.

Patricia Gómez, de 39 años, visitante en el campus de la ciudad de Veracruz, México, disfrutó con emoción y alegría el evento.

"Siempre me emocionó hasta las lágrimas al ver

ondear mi bandera y cantar el himno nacional. Es bueno que mantengan estas tradiciones para quienes de México", dijo Gómez.

La comida fue otro de los detalles que dio fin toqué de hispanidad al evento. Los puestos con comida, en su mayoría típica mexicana, fueron del club de criminología, la asociación Sigma Alpha, diversos profesores y el club de estudiantes internacionales entre otros.

Irma A. Peña contribuyó en este artículo.

Conciertos musicales en UTB/TSC a \$3

Por Irma A. Peña
Editora de Tiempo Nuevo

Por primera vez cada evento musical de *Patron of the Arts* tendrá un costo de \$3 para los estudiantes universitarios. Los fondos obtenidos serán utilizados en becas para estudiantes de música en nuestra universidad.

Terry Tomlin, director de la Escuela de Música en el campus, dijo que el número de estudiantes de música se cuadruplicó y que el presupuesto es igual al del año pasado. Se espera un incremento en el mismo, para el año escolar 1999-2000.

"Hay 80 estudiantes de

música. El año pasado se dieron 100 becas de \$100 a \$200 aproximadamente. El dinero va a regresar a los estudiantes por medio de becas", dijo Tomlin.

Elfin Zamora, estudiante de ciencias computacionales en UTB/TSC, dijo que está bien pagar por conciertos, siempre y cuando éstos sean buenos.

"Si el dinero es para becas, está bien, porque no hay lucro en ello", dijo Zamora.

Sue Zanne W. Urbis, profesora de música y directora de *Patron of the Arts* en UTB/TSC, dijo que todos los costos alrededor de un concertista visitante

(transportación, hospedaje y comida) son cubiertos con las contribuciones anuales de los integrantes de *Patron of the Arts*, asociación que patrocina las artes.

Minam Castro, estudiante de comercio y vicepresidente del gobierno estudiantil en el campus, SGA, dijo que muchas formas de obtener dinero para becas y el costo de los conciertos, disminuirá la asistencia estudiantil.

"Hay muchas compañías a las cuales se les puede solicitar dinero para becas. Si antes había poca asistencia estudiantil a los conciertos, ahora habrá menos estudiantes, ya que el precio

es un poco caro. Deben de reconsiderar el precio y quizá reducirlo a \$1", dijo Castro.

El primer evento de la asociación será hoy con un concierto de piano por Rodrigo González Barragán.

Tomlin dijo que los estudiantes de apreciación a la música, *Music Appreciation*, quienes tienen que asistir a dos conciertos por semestre, pueden asistir a presentaciones musicales sin costo, en las preparatorias locales.

Estudiantes de música, quienes tienen que asistir a 12 conciertos por semestre, pagarán por dos solamente, de los ofrecidos en el campus, dijo Tomlin.

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